



Islip, NY – Councilwoman Trish Bergin Weichbrodt and Councilman John Edwards met with green energy experts this morning to continue to explore innovative ways to encourage Green Energy initiatives in the Town of Islip.

All aspects of green technology were discussed at the meeting from spray foam insulation to geothermal technology, solar and wind power. “We have a tremendous resource in geothermal, yet it is underutilized here in the Town of Islip. We decided to try to create new ways to encourage residents to lessen their carbon footprint,” said Councilwoman Bergin Weichbrodt.

Councilwoman Bergin Weichbrodt and Councilman John Edwards decided to hold this meeting after visiting a carbon-free home in Babylon. This home is completely off the grid -- no electric or heating bills!!

“Renewable energy has been a commitment of mine from the beginning. Here in Islip, we helped to strengthen the commercial green energy standards, and we are looking to improve currently on our residential options,” said Councilman Edwards.

Also in attendance at today’s meeting were experts in the geothermal industry, folks from Sustainability Institute at Molloy College as well as representatives of the Town of Islip’s building, planning, tax assessor, and the town attorney’s offices.

The group will meet again at the end of the month before putting forward their formal recommendations to the entire Town Board.